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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant wishes to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the references cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents are enclosed.

With respect to patent applications, the applicants point out their duty under M.P.E.P. §2001.06(b) to disclose relevant patent applications of which they are aware. To this end, the applicants draw the Examiner's attention to the following patent applications;

1. United States Serial Number 08/944,850, filed October 6, 1997 and U.S.S.N. 09/287,573, filed April 6, 1999.
2. U.S.S.N. 09/189,543, filed November 10, 1998; U.S.S.N. 09/344,526, filed June 24, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/748,706, filed December 22, 2000; and U.S.S.N. 10/187,321, filed June 28, 2002.

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3. U.S.S.N. 09/553,993, filed April 20, 2000; U.S.S.N. 09/556,463, filed April 21, 2000; and U.S.S.N. 10/045,575, filed October 26, 2001.
4. U.S.S.N. 09/256,943, filed February 24, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/473,904, filed December 28, 1999; U.S.S.N. 09/606,369, filed June 28, 2000; and U.S.S.N. 10/194,912, filed June 12, 2002.
5. U.S.S.N. 09/513,362, filed February 25, 2000.
6. U.S.S.N. 09/517,945, filed April 3, 2000, now Patent No. 6,355,431, and U.S.S.N. 10/021,906, filed December 12, 2001.
7. U.S.S.N. 09/425,633, filed October 22, 1999 and 09/535,854, filed March 27, 2000.

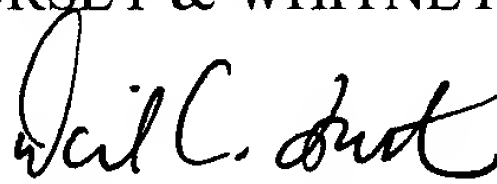
Further, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(c) and 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned certifies that references 8, 12, 16, 19, 25, and 32-33 listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 were cited in the International Search Report dated May 14, 2002, for a counterpart PCT application. References listed on the International Search Report and not enclosed herewith were submitted with a previous Information Disclosure Statement. A copy of the International Search Report for the counterpart PCT application is enclosed herewith.

None of the foregoing references are believed to disclose the invention as claimed. Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application. Submission of the present document shall not be construed as an admission that a search has been made or that better art does not exist.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the date of a Final Office Action. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No. 469249-00064/A-69850-1/DJB/RMS/DCF).

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